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We're noted for the good tailoring on our ready-made garments, and these Coats are fully up to the standard.

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## FINE SHOWING OF RAILROADS

Atlantic Coast Line and Chesapeake and Ohio Publish Earnings.

THE END OF FREE PASSES

Some of the Casualties of the Year Not Caused By the Railways.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad oarnings for November were: Gross, \$2,115,769, an increase of \$167,898. The operating expenses were \$1.341,347, an increase of \$184,524, making the net earnings \$774,422, a decrease of \$16,626. From July 1st the gross earnings amount to \$9,297,705, an increase of \$774,404. The operating expenses during that time were \$6,282,713, an increase of \$729,000, showing a net

barning of \$3.014,992, an increase of \$45,005. The Chesapeake and Ohio Ratiway Company's comptroller, Mr. L. F. Sulli-van, has issued the following statement. penses, \$1,221,084.69; net earnings, \$812,earnings, \$2,003,422.76; less

From July to date: Gross earnings, 19.816,227.64; less expenses, \$5,899,442.19; net earnings, \$3,916,885.45.

Free Passes No More.

The Railway Age regarding the move-ment to abolish free passes, says: The great eastern trunk line companies the great eastern trunk line companies three once more and positively resolved to cease the practice of issuing free passes, outside of the railway service. The New York Central, Pennsylvania, Baitimore and Ohio, Reading, Jersey Central, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western have already made public ansurances, of their purpose. The order

cial and industrial establishments, give away their product? Farmers do not present the products of their fields to village officials, city aldermen, county supervisors, State legislators, national officeholders and the hordes of hangerson through every grade of political life; merchants do not send around gratultously a percentage of their goods to past and prospective customers and influential citizens; the butcher and the baker de the butcher and the baker de citizens; the butcher and the baker de-not find it necessary to distribute free steaks and loaves in order to get busi-ness or to obtain the blessings of good governmnt. Why should the makers of rail transportation feel under compul-sion to distribute their valuable product for nothing? Why have they been doing 117.

speaking plainly, free passes appear to be issued chiefly for the following purposes and reasons:

1. As a means of defense; to ward off unreasonable and sometimes blackmalling legislation, and to placite some news-

tage over competing lines.
3. To prevent less of business because other roads give passes; to meet com-

4. To change legislative or official action in favor of railways generally, sometimes

benevolent and philanthropic institutions

benevoient and philanthropic institutions; merely for pity's sake,
6. To favor business acquaintances, personal friends and kindled.
7. To gratify the official sense of power and patronage.

Don't Do All the Killing.

The Chicago Tribune has the following o say about casualties other than those

of common carriers; The foot-ball season is closed, and the record of casualties shows a list of killed and 159 injured. The hunting sec son in Wisconsin and Michigan is closed and the easualty list shows 25 killed and 55 wounded, some of whom will not recover. The complete record of casualties since July shows 70 killed and 89 wound ed. The automobile season is a continuous one. In the principal cities of the United States these machines have killed since the year began, 66 persons and ning in smaller places, and injured 463 persons in cities and 41 in villages, a total of 75 killed and 569 injured in 11 menths. The killing of these 167 persons by the three agents of destruction mentioned is sheer and cuplable waste of life. Mod-ern civilization is now so complex and Baltimore and Ohio, Reading, Jersey Central, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western have already made public almouncement of their purpose. The order of President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania, which intimates that the reform is lased on legal considerations, reads: In view of tite general agitation on the subject of legislatjon on railroad rates and concessions, it has been decided by the management of the Pennsylvania Railroad that all forms of free transportation will be discontinued after the end of the present year.

Of course, transportation will be provided by each reason.

Vided by each road for the responsible nen who direct and operate its various departments; and no doubt interchange of transportation privileges between railway companies will be continued, under thusiness-like regulations. But what the great roads are going to try to do is to lop off forever the fungus growth of free passes issued for political, compercial, social and sentimental reasons, which has sapped their revenues, lowered their own self-respect and that of the recipients, discriminated unjustly between railway users, and tended to weaken if not to corrupt public morals, Why should railways, alone of commer-

## TRAGEDY AT THE ACADEMY TO-DAY

Creston Clarke Plays Beaucaire Twice On New Year's Day.

#### MANSFIELD AS SANTA CLAUS

Ninety and Nine," a Melodrama Full of Thrills, at the Bijou Next Week.

Lovers of the highest ideals in dramatic art are continually finding fault with the too frequent appearances not only here, but in all the cities, of silly farcial plays, cheap sensationalism, and the other immaterial fetures of current thetrical productions, and are always clamoring for the works of Shakespeare and the other great masters of literature .. It is a pleasure to announce in this connection the apearance here of the eminent tragedlan, John Griffith, and his company of legitimate artists in Shakes-peare's immortal tragedy "Richard the Third." Everywhere that Mr. Griffith has appeared, the local press has teemed with praise of his performance, and it will be a pleasure to welcome him to this city. The engagement is announced for this afternoon and to-night at the

"Beaucaire" Entertains. Those who are interested in high class comedy of the romanuc and lightsonic kind are sure to thoroughly enjoy the performance of "Monsieur Beaucaire" performance of by Creston Clarke and cast of unusua

by Creston Clarke and cast of unusual excellence at the Academy of Music on New Year's day-matinee and night. Whatever difficulties the general public may encounter in the correct pronunciation of the Duc D'Orleans nom de plume seen on the bill boards, "Monsieur Beaucaire," as presented by by Creston Clarke, is sure, to amuse and interest them. The play is for amuse ment, and will delight those who do not care to be thrilled too much or to be set thinking too deeply, who, in fact, do not want problem plays.

"Winsetz and Nine"

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The "Ninety and Nine." an exceptionally clever melodrama, is announced as the attraction at the Bijou all of next week, beginning with a special matine, on Monday. The play is enjoying its third season, and since its run at the Academy of Mulse for more than five months in the city of, New, York, has been accredited as one of the most successful of the attractions playing the popular-priced circuit. The author has treated a splendid theme with a dash that has lifted his effort out of the rut of melodrama, and with the original New York cast and production, it ought to prove one of the best drawing cards of the season. The "quillting bee" is the real thing, and, strange as it may seem, the ladies of the "Ninety and Nine" Company turn out a new quilt every week, for the work they do on the stage is not sham, but real every-day sewing. The work is always stirted at the Monday performance and grows with the week, being so regulated that it is finished on Saturday night. It is the custom of the management to give these quilts to some charitable institution or some deserving needy family.

Mansfeld As Santa Claus.

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Richard Mansfied and his company, who will play here on next Saturday, spent their Christmas on the special trainen route from California to New Orleans, where the great actor arrived just in time to produce Moller's comedy, "The Misanthrope," Christmas night. The company had, a Christmas night. The company had, a Christmas festlyal on the train. A tree was set up and decorated in one of the sleepers. There were presents for everybody, and Mr. Mansfield esided as a sort of twentieth century anta Claus. The climax of the surprise he had prepared for his company was reached when his chef, steward and porter appeared from his private car with great bowls of egg-nog, trays of sandwiches, cakes, fruits and candles. The actors declared they had never been given a happier Chritismas.

#### SOME UNIFORM PLAN.

Board of Education Desires to Stop Fights for Funds. The Committee on School Legislation

The Committee on School Legislation, named by the State board, composed of Messrs, Kent, Anderson and West, will meet here next Tuesday evening. The object of the special session is to devise some plan to be presented to the Legislature, by which controved as for funds lature, by which controvedes for funds for the various State schools may be prevented.

Prominent educators at the head of State educational institutions have been invited to appear and offer suggestions to

The resolution under which the

The resolution under which the committee is acting, and which was offered by Governor Montague at the last meeting of the board, is as follows:
Resolved, That the State Board of Education offer its services as a medium through which the requests for appropriations for the maintenance of the several State institutions of learning may be proferred to the General Assembly, and to this end the legislative committee of the State Board of Education is authorized to secure the co-operation of the heads of these institutions.

#### NEW REVENUE AGENT.

One of Mosby's Men to Take Charge of Richmond Office.

Colonel W. H. Chapman at present United States Revenue agent at Greens United States Revenue agent at Greensboro, N. C., and a former lieutenant in the Confederate service under Colonel Mosby will take charge of the Richmond office on Monday.

The present agent of the office, Mr. Gamble, will remain here and work with Colonel Chapman, until the latter becomes familiar with the details of the

It is learned that the change means

no reflection upon Mr. Gamble, who has a splendid record as an officer. It is not known to what point Mr. Gamble will be transferred. Colonel Chapman is a native of Page county, and is well known in Virginia.

#### UNCLE SAM'S HOURS.

People May Get Mail During Part of Monday.

Following is the schedule arranged for the distribition, delivery and collection of mail by Posimaster Knight and Superin-tendent Burke for Monday, which is automat holiday: Office hours and carrier service, New Year's Day, January 1, 1966: Office will be open for the sale of stamps and delivery of mail only from 10 A. M. to 12 M.

to 12 M.
Carriers will make deliveries as follows:
2 trip men, one delivery at 8 A. M.; 3 trip
man, two deliveries, 3 and 11 A. M.; 4 and



and Cherry.

10c. per package.
Enough for 6 people.
All grocers sell Jell-O.

Beautifully Illustrated Recipe Book free. The Genesse Pure Food Co., Le Roy, N. Y. Jell-O received the highest award Gold Medal at St. Louis Expection, 1904. Approved by Pure Food Commissioners.

5 trip men, three deliveries, 8, 8:30 and 11
A. M.
Mail will be dispatched to the stations at the following hours; Station 'A,' 8:15, 8:30, 10:30 and 11:30 A. M.; station 'B,' 0:15, 9:30 and 11:30 A. M.
Collections by the collectors at 6 A. M., 13 M. and 6 P. M.
All catriers will collect boxes on their trips

All carriers will report at the usual hours as on work days.
Stations will observe the same hours.

#### AT THE ORPHANAGE.

Attractive Programme to Be Rendered This Afternoon.

The programme to be rendered at the Chirstmas entertainment of the Methodis Orphanage this afternoon at \$:30 o'clock opening hymn, "Joy to the World!"
Prayer by Rev. J. T. Mastin.
Scripture recitation for memory, Mat.

hew 2. Santa Claus's visit to the children. Singing of "The Happiest Time." Recitation of the Ten Commandment

Singing, "The Song of the Christman Singing, "The song "I'm a Jolly Old Tree,"
Santa Claus's song, "I'm a Jolly Old Boy."
Song by the children, "Long Age on Christmas Night."
Distribution of presents, Santa Claus says "farowell."
Singing, "Glory to God in the Highest!"

#### WED IN WASHINGTON.

Mrs. M. C. Swindell Becomes the Bride of Mr. Wallace.

Bride of Mr. Wallace.

A quiet but impressive marriage ceremony took place in Washington on Wednesday, when Mrs. Maude Campbell Swindell became the bride of Mr. C. G. Wallace. The contracting parties are both of this city, where they are well known and popular. They were accompanied to Washington by Mr. Harry Campbel, in Washington by Mr. Harry Campbel, in Washington by Mr. Harry Campbel, by Washington of the D. R. Midyetto Company, Southern managers for the Fidelity Mutual, of hiladelphia, while his bride is a daughter of Mr. Thes. P. Campbell, former president of the Common Council and a well known business man.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace proceeded from Washington upon an extended bridat tour in the East and North. Upon their return they will raide in this city.

#### Special Music at Monumental.

The programme of the special music to be suing at Monumental Church to-morrow afternoon at 4 P. M. is given here: Processional, Hymn 51—(Hark the Herald Angels)—Mendelssohn, Gloria, In Excelsis—Stainer, Magnineat—Stainer, Munc Dimittles—Stainer, Anthem—(Sing, O Heavens)—Tours, Hymn 59—(It Came Upon the Midnight Clear)—Willis, Offertory—(Calm on the Listening Ear of Night)—Parker, Hymn 203—(A Few More Years Shall Roll)—Hayne.

Hymn 203-(A Few More Years Shall Roll)—Hayne. Dresden Amen—Nauman. Recessional Hymn-(O, Liftle Town of Bethlehem)—Redner. Organ Postlude—(March in E flat)—Jen-kins.

### Daily Court Record

Circuit Court.

Suits instituted yesterday: L. G. Apperson vs. Southern Railway Co.; damages, \$1,000. J. L. Tallaferro vs. E. R. Brown; damages, \$500.
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Cephus Ross, convict, for escaping. Arraigned; pleaded guilty and sentenced by court to one year and solitary confinement.
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Jasper Mason, convict, indicted for murder, Jury returned verific for 15 years, and sentence-

Mason, convict, indicted for murder, Jury returned verdict for 15 years, and sentenced by court to confinement in penitentiary for 15 years.

Miscellaneous: Minetree Folkes, qualified in this court as Commonwealth's attorney for the city of Richmond.

Law and Equity.

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Judgments entered yesterday: Richmond
Pattern Works vs. Reuben Burton for \$16.
The amount claimed was \$36.92. A contestod case.
Decrees entered yesterday: Ginter's Exceutors, et als., vs. Farmville and Powhatan Railroad Co., etc. retition of Central Trust Co., of New York, trustee,
filed, and same referred to Commissioner
B. A. James.

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Suits instituted yesterday: Allen Bassett vs. Wm. Northrup and Henry T. Wickham, receivers, Virginia Passenger and Power, et als., for \$50 damages.
Cases set for to-day: Geo. W. Harris ys. Ford and Carrington. Christopher Smith vs. Grand Fountain United True Reformers.

#### CHARTERS GRANTED.

Five New Concerns Auhorized By Corporation Commission.

Corporation Commission.

The State Corporation Commission yesterday granted Charlers to the following corporations: lucena Vista Mercantile Company, Inc., Buena Vista, Va. Incorporators: Robert Green, president: Stuard Franklin, secretary; Dan Finney, Iteasurer; all of Hacian Vista, Va. Capital stock; Maximum, \$6,000 minimum, \$600. Objects and purposed: Postetains and operate a Sarreka Life Insurance Company, Inc., Richarden, Life Insurance Company, Inc., Richarden, Life Insurance Company, Inc., Richarden, Pa.; J. W. Walker, secretary, Charlend, Pa.; A. N. Hepler, treasurer, Charlend, Pa.; Capital stock: Maximum, \$500, Chiects and purposes: To doal in Rillerson, president, Habover county, Va.; W. H. Urquhart, Secretary and truesurer, Richmond, Va. Capital stock: Maximum, \$100,000; minimum, \$100,000; President, Alexandria county, Va.; J. W. Pitpode, secretary and treasurer, Calexandria, Via. Incorporatory: T. H. Treat, President, Alexandria county, Va.; J. W. Pitpode, secretary and treasurer, Calexandria, Va. Capital stock, Maximum, \$160,000. Objects and purposes: An anuscement park for the public.

Newsonia Southampton county, Va.; J. W. Pitpode, secretary company, Inc., Newsonia, Southampton county, Va. Incorporatory: J. L. Barham, secretary and treasurer, Va.; J. W. Bartandria of the public.

Newsonia, Southampton county, Va. Incorporatory: John P. Person, president, Newsonia, Va.; J. L. Barham, secretary and treasurer, Va.; J. W. Bartandria of the public.

Property Transfers.

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Richmond—Junes H. Enos to Beatrice O.
Enos, 35 feet on west line of Twenty-eighth
Sireet, 180 feet south of P. Street, \$1.00.

Matthew Gilmour to W. V. Mallory, 90 feet
on north line of Park Avenue, 1234; feet west
of Allison Street (E. Randolph Williams, subsittatied trustee,) unites herein to release and
interest in cade property), \$1.00.

1. W. Wintrey, \$24, acres on the Graded road,
10 miles northwest of Elohmond, \$500.

C. L. Denoco and wife to M. N. Rhodes, lots
17, 18 and 19 in block E, blan of Relmont, \$460.
Joseph L. Rohleder to Rebecca Banks, lot 17
ig plan of Shellon Park, \$50.

## Crown the Feast WATCH NIGHT IN Jell-O THE CITY CHURCHES

To one packing of Chocolate Jell-O, add slowly one put of boiling water and set laway to cool. When the gins to harden, add one-half up English walnut meats and half a dozen figs cat up fine. Serve with whipped Cream, Jell-O comes in 6 fruit flavors: Lemon, Orange, Raspberry, Strawberry, Chocolate and Cherry.

THE MISSION TABERNACLE

Dr. Hawthorne On Events of the Year-Special Music-Some

Sermon Subjects.

Watch night services will be held to-P. M. From 10 to 10:30 several selections will be rendered on the organ, At this service the pastor, Dr. Young, will preach an appropriate sermon. In the morning Dr. Wilson will preach.

At Marshall Street Christian Church, the paster, Rev. B. H. Melton, has recovered from his recent serious attack of the grippe, and will preach both at the morning and night services on Sunday. His subject in the morning will be "Living for the Very Best," and at night, "Dissolution and Resolution."

At Grove Avenue Baptist Church tomorrow morning, the pastor, Dr. J. B.
Hawthorne, will review the great historic events of the year 1905, and show
how they reveal God's supremacy in the
affairs of the world, and his purpose to
extend his kingdom of rightcounsess and
grace into every region of the earth. A
cordial invitation to strangers in the
city. At the evening service the assistant
pastor, Rev. J. L. Rosser will preach. pastor, Rev. J. L. Rosser will preach.

Regular services will be held at Hasker Memorial Methodist Church Sunday, De-cember 31st by the pastor, Rev. K. M. Mears. There will be no services at 8 P. M., but at 11 P. M. instead. This will at both services. watch-night services. Special music

At the Broad Street Methodist the past tor, Rev. George H. Spooner, will preact in the morning on the subject "Position Surrendered—a Name Made." The evening service, instead of being at 8 o'clock will commence at 10 and will be a "watch night service," continuing until 12 o'clock Subject, "When I Come Down to Die."

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Hutson, will preach at Pine Street Baptist Church at both services. At 11 A. M. the sub-ject will be "Some Very Important Things to Do." At 8 P. M. "Jacob's Confes-

At Park Place Methodist Church, the pastor, Rev. L. B. Betty, will preach at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Taylor will breach to-morrow at Venable Street Baptist Church. His morning subject will be "The Wis-dom of Discerning Time." His them in the evening, "Earth's Bravest Warrior and Most Gifted Poet and Philosopher." "Watch Night" will be observed at

Rev. Ryland Knight, pastor of Calvary

Baptist Church, will occury his pulpit t morrow, morning and evening. The morning subject will be "A Stone of Help"; evening, "The Reckoning."

Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins will preach at West End Christian Church, on Mor-ris Street, between Main and Floyd Ave-nue, to-morrow, morning and night. The subject at night will be "The Third Commandment."

The Rev. G. W. McDaniel, paster of the First Baptist Church, will fill his pulpit, both morning and evening, on Sunday.

At Leigh Street Baptist Church to-morrow the pastor, Rev. Dr. M. Ashby Jones, will preach at both hours. The morning subject will be "Taking Inven-tory." The evening subject will be "What We Did Not Do."

The pastor, Rev. W. E. Robertson, will vessels at hold services in Bandalah

preach at both sérvices in Randolph Street Baptist Church on Sunday. The morning theme will be "The Year of Jubilee," and at night, "Opportunity and Responsibility."

The First Unitarian Church will hold its regular services in Monroe Hall at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. John L. Robinson, will preach.

At First Church of Christy Scientist the subject of the lesson-sermon to-mor

#### SOON CLEANED 'EM UP. Justice John Loses Little Time in Handing Out Justice.

It took Justice John J. Crutchfield just seven minutes to finish the docket in Police Court yesterday morning. He walked into the court chamber as one who was entirely satisfied with the way things had gone the day before at the polls and even smiled at Edgar, the scribe, as he twisted his chair around to get his bearings.

ings. Mr. Robins yanked Henry Davis, an Ethiopian, from the pen, and Henry couldn't dodge the evidence against hirr that he swiped a pair of pants. The case was continued, however, until Henry could appear in court in becoming appeared.

could appear in court in becoming apparel.

Mary Smith, a white woman, whose mind occupies a very small part of her head, and who gets drunk about seven times a month, went down for thriv days. She didn't care about the sentence very much, for when she was taken back to the cage she began to sing; "I was only teasing you."

"The lady is speaking to you, judge," volunteered Sergeant Talley, with a whimsical jerk to the corners of his mouth.

volunteered Sorgeant Talley, with a whimslead jerk to the corners of his mouth.

"Call the docket, sir," spat out the One John, and there was no more dallyling with words.

Ed. Bensley was drunk, a vagrant and a trospasser on the property of the First Police Station. He went to the villa.

Henry Loving for being a vagrant, was lovingly siven four months in that lovely spot on the Shockee.

"Chicken" Jones will spend a quarter of a year at the villa, where the society is fast gathering.

That was all of the court, but not all that was done un in the court-room. For Captain Whitlock, who is the boss of the First District, signed the argument by declaring that there was no law that permitted a magistrate to recognize any person charred with an ordinance violation or a misdemeanor on his own recognizance to appear in court. The cantain wanted to water a sunner, hal later made it clears, for the crowd. Mr. Harry Clenn read the law to him-and then the contain rushed out without paying for the clears.

With a deep and heartfelt sense of gratitude I beg to make my acknowledgment to all my friends for the zealous work that resulted in my election to the position of Treasurer of

The kindness shown me by all classes regardless of race, color or creed will be to me a rich remembrance, and one to

. To the earnest friends who labored for me from start to finish; to the good ladies, who, though without votes, so gencrously gave that influence which only woman can command, and to my colored fellow-citizens, who gave voluntarily their aid and cheerful assistance, I give my sincere thanks, and to all I pledge my best efforts to the proper conduct of the office secured by their kindly feeling for me.

## NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Delightful German Given in Leader Hall Last Night.

ANNEXATION IS REVIVED

The Question Argued By Business Men-Funeral of Mrs. McRac.

This was the first german by this club n some time, and it served to revive interest among the members of the organization. It the past few years several of the younger society folk have left Manchester, and as a result the germans that were once held regularly have been few and far between. But this did not the least detract from the dance last in the least detract from the dance last evening, which was one of the society events of the season.

Annexation Bobs Up.

hy the same Council that enacted It. says Mr. Pulliam. He further cites the fact that Manchester could not sue for the simple reason that there would be no Manchester after the consolidation. Richmond, he argues, would not sue itself. The question was discussed very freely on the streets vesterday. There are

The question was discussed voy freely on the streets yesterday. There are many in Manchester who favor annexation, but these, with exceptions, want to know just what the city will receive, and they want the proposition made plain

Those opposed to annexation are rather inclined to think, or to aver, that Rich-mond will not deal fairly with this city. But the majority of Manchesterians are in favor of accepting Richmond's terms and securing for public improvements in the city the \$40,000 per year.

Officers Elected.

Joseph E. Johnston Camp. Confederate Veterans, at a meeting Thursday night, elected the following officers: Judge William I. Clopton, commander: J. J. Blanton, first licutenant; R. A. Baugh, second licutenant, H. P. Morgan, third licutenant; J. T. Butler, adjutant: W. J. Fossee, quartermaster, Rev. R. W. Cridlin, chaplain; D. A. Jarvis, officer of the day; R. P. Smith, treasurer: C. P. Waithall, ser-P. Smith, treasurer; C. P. Walthall, sergeant-major; W. A. Grow, color sergeant; T. A. Plackett, first guard; Philip Browder, second guard; Charles Snead, vidette.

Funeral of Mrs. McRae.

The funeral of Mrs. McKae.
The funeral of Mrs. Anna McRae, widow of the late Dr. McRae, who died Thursday afternoon, took place from Central Methodist Church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Joliffe, pasof the church, officiated. The deceased was very well known in Manchester, and the church was crowded with sorrowing fulends.

Cemetery.
The pall-bearers at the funeral of Mrs. The pair-bearers at the thierar of Mrs. McRae were Messrs. J. H. Patteson, Adgustine Royall, W. B. Ball, E. P. Weisiger, B. P. Vaden, W. J. Carter and A. J. Parrish. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, and the church was crowded with sorrowing friends of the good lady.

Personals and Briefs.

be cherished in all my after life.

I am, with gratitude,

J. B. PACE.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street. The Manchester Cotillon Club gave very delightful dance in Leader Hall ast night that was enjoyed by many of the social set of the city. Music started at 9:30 o'clock, and it was until the wee sma' hours before the dancing ceased,

Two Deaths Last Night.

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Captain J. H. Parker, one of the oldest citizens of Manchester, died at his residence, No. 1998 Perry Street, last night. He was in the eighty-fourth year of his age. The funeral announcement will be made later.

Mr. C. J. Pittman, a well known citizen, died last night at 9:30 at his residence, No. 322 East Tonth Street. He had been ill about a week of pneumonia.

Announcement of the funeral arrangements will be made later.

The question raised by Mr. D. L. Pul-liam, anent the proposed consolidation of Richmond and Manchester, caused con-Richmond and Manchester, caused considerable comment in the city yesterday. Mr. Pulliam, in his communication, printed in yesterday's Times-Dispatch, deals with the legal side of the annexation question, without arguing for or against the consolidation scheme. He points out that Richmond could not be forced to carry into effect its promises to Manchester. An ordinance passed by the city of Richmond, which would promise to Manchester many inducements for annexation, might, and could be, repealed by the same Council that enacted it.

Personals and Briefs.

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Miss Vola Bykes, of Swansbero, scalded her hands while in the kitchen of her hands while in the kitchen of her home a few days ago.

Squire Cheatham did not hold court yesterday morning, all the cases being continued until next, Friday morning.

Miss Myrie and Elvin Simmons, of Petersburg, are the guests of their cousin, Mrs. Charles Burker, No. 1207 Bainbridge Street.

Miss Alice Biankenship, of Chester, Who has been yisiting at The Rectory, South Boston, returned to the city for the holidays. She left yesterday 10 spend some time at her home, in Albemaris.

boro, has returned, after a most pleasant

Business men of the city are distribut-ng very beautiful calendars to their

Capital James W. Lovell is reported as being critically ill at his home, on Porter Street. Street.

Mr. W. H. Hubbard, of Manchester, and Miss Bertha M. Walton, of Richmond, were married Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ryland Knight, pastor of the Calvary Baptist, Church, Richmond.

John, the twelve-year-old son of City Sergeant J. G. Saunders, is very ill at his home, Thirteenth and Stockton Streets.

#### EQUALS A LIFE SENTENCE

Jasper Mason, Negro Convict, Gets Fifteen Years in Prison.

Gets Fifteen Years in Prison.
The Circuit Court was kept busy yesterday hearing casts from the penitentiary.
Cephas Ross, a negro convict, pleaded guilty to the mild and natural charge of trying to escape, and was given an additional year in the State prison, with the condition that the added year should be spent in solliary confinement.
Jasper Mason, another convict, was tried on the charge of murder. The evidence showed that on the 6th of June last, Mason and another negro convict named Charles Whitehurst, got into a row at the dinner hour; that Mason whipped out a knife which by some means he had concealed about his permeans he had concealed about his per-

son and slashed Whitehurst in a horrible manner. From the wounds thus inflict-ed Whitehurst suffered for two months and more, and died on the 12th of August.

The jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree and fixed the punishment at fifteen years imprisonment. Mason was already in for ten years, only three of which he had served out. This new sentence, therefore, gives him twenty-two years more in the penitentiary. He is now about thirty years of age.

means he had concealed about his per-

Mission is Grateful.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—I am directed by the chairman of
the committee of ladies in charge of the
Christmas dinner to the poor, given at
this institute yesterday, to convey to you
their grateful acknowledgement and
thanks for your many kind notices of the
event and to ask permission to return
through your columns to our many
friends whose liberality contributed to
the success of the occasion, their very
heartiest thanks for their kindnesses.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR B. SHARPE, Sup't. Mission is Grateful.

Mr. Bottom's Estimate.

Hon. Dayls Bottom, superintendent of Public Printing, was recently asked by Governor Montague for an estimate of the probable cost of a State printing plant where all the State printing may

The report of Mr. Bottom has been submitted, but neither he nor the Governor will discuss it.

It is understood, however that the figure named is around \$50,000.

Before Commissioners. Two small cases were before Commis-sioner Joseph P. Brady, of the United States Court yesterday. One was against s Thomas, and the other agains James L. Sullivan. They were charged with attempting to defraud the govern-

former was continued and the latter dismissed.

For Sunday School Teachers. By request of the members of the Sunday School Study Club, Dr. Edward Leigh Fell will deliver a special lecture at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The lecture is designed to clear the way for a more intelligent study of the Sunday school lessons for noxt year. The whole of the coming year will be devoted to a study of the life of Christ, to which Dr. Fell's lecture will be in the nature of an introduction.

Will Make Plans.

The State Board of School Examiners and Inspectors will meet here next Wednesday for regular business, and will then go into the making of plans for the examination of public school teachers. It is understood that these examinations will be held in March next year. They usually take place about July.

To Be Old Ford's Again.

The Powhatan Hotel will change hands on January 1st, and the name will be changed back to "Ford's Hotel."

Mr. M. S. Dicken, formerly a clerk under the late A. J. Ford, and now of Spartanburg. S. C., has leased the hotel for one year from the date named.

Mrs. Estelle Townsend Smith, the Manchester woman sent to the penitentiary for five years for the murder of her son, has been assigned to a clerkship in the shoe shop. The berth is considered quite an easy one.

Mrs. Smith is a Clerk.

All Be Closed Monday,

## called AND BUSINESS WILL PROCEED AS USUAL UNDER THE ORDINANCES.

# Coats for Women.

Empire style in Green, Blue and Black Lightweight Kersey,

a low price because we bought them late in the season.

Coats worth from \$6.00 to \$16:50.

\$6,50 for Novelty Cloth Coats, worth \$10.00.

Speaking plainly, free passes appear

## GAS AND WATER BILLS

ALL CITY WATER BILLS presented to consumers during the month of DECEMBER, 1905, and not paid on or before JANUARY 1, 1906, will subject the consumer to the penalty provided by law, which is that the water shall be CUT OFF from the premises.

ALL GAS BILLS PRESENTED IN DECEM-

BER, 1905, and not paid on or before JANUARY 1.1906, will be subject to the usual penalty of 5 per cent., and if not paid on or before January 5, 1906, the gas will be SHUT OFF. The ordinances imposing penalties on Gas Bills and fixing the time when Gas and Water Bills in arrears shall be CUT OFF has been, since the death of the Treasurer, suspended; but the order of suspension is now re-